

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SENATE OF SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY HELD
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1994 IN ROOM 3210 WMX, 7:00 P.M.
OPEN SESSION

Present: Stubbs, J.O., Chair

Alderson, E.
Arnason, K.
Blaney, J.
Boland, L.
Bullock, D.
Chan, K.
Cohen, M.
Crawford, C.
Driver, J.
Dunsterville, V.
Einstein, D.
Etherington, L.
Hafer, L.
Heinrich, K.
Jones, C.H.W.
Luk, W.S.
Manley-Casimir, M. (representing R. Barrow)
Marteniuk, R.
Mathewes, R.
McAskill, I.
Mueller, B.
Munro, J.
Naef, B.
Osborne, J.
Percival, P.
Perry, T.
Rawicz, A.
Sanghera, B.
Stewart, M.L.
Warsh, M.
Wickstrom, N.
Wideen, M.
Winne, P.
Wrenn, P. (representing B. Clayman)
Wu, S.

Absent: Bacani, J.
Barrow, R.
Beattie, S.
Ciria, A.
D'Auria, J.
Dean, C.
Dhir, R.
Dobb, T.
Eaton, C.
Giffen, K.
Hoeflich, K.
LeMare, L.
Lord, T.
McInnes, D.
Morrison, T.
Peterson, L.
Segal, J.
Shapiro, S.
Swartz, N.
Vining, A.

Heath, N., Acting Secretary
Grant, B., Recording Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At the request of the Dean, Faculty of Business Administration, item 5.b).i) Paper S.94-64 was withdrawn from the Agenda. Following this amendment, the Agenda was approved.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF OCTOBER 3, 1994

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

i) Referring to the recent storm, the Chair reported that Facilities Management and Traffic and Security had both worked very well under the circumstances. Although there were no panic situations, it was learned that clearer procedures with respect to dealing with the residences in emergency situations need to be addressed and action in this regard has been initiated. It was further reported that it will take some time to clean up after the storm, particularly the fallen trees, and that clean-up work has already begun.

ii) Referring to Mr. Axworthy's paper on social policy review, the Chair indicated that he would like to briefly highlight some of the issues which directly affect higher education. Firstly, he wanted to remind Senate that although negotiations are expected to take place between the Provinces and the Federal Government, there was no need for the Government to pass any legislation to implement any of the changes proposed in the report. Secondly, whatever changes are decided upon, they will happen in the fiscal year 1996/97, not in 1995/96. Thirdly, it is expected that the established program funding transfers will gradually disappear and be eliminated within ten years. At the present time, provinces have no obligation to pass the EPF transfer funds directly to universities and colleges. They have traditionally included the transfers as part of their general revenue, then allocated grants to universities and colleges out of this fund. The Axworthy paper proposes that the money currently transferred to the provinces through EPF be made available to students through an income contingent loan repayment scheme. There are no details as to how this plan will work. Concerns are that if the Federal Government were to withdraw from the EPF transfers, and if the provinces did not provide alternative funding, a major tuition increase is inevitable. Finally, funding from the Federal Government through both EPF transfers and grants, supports the teaching and research infrastructure at universities. If these funding allocations are altered to become income contingent loans for students, universities will probably have to find other sources of funding to support research. Consequently the university community, through AUCC, is making a strong argument to the Federal Government that there should continue to be funding to support the research infrastructure in Canadian universities.

The House Committee on Human Resource Development will be holding hearings in Vancouver for two days in November during the tour across Canada and the University administration will endeavour to develop a joint presentation involving representatives from the University, the Faculty Association and the Student Society. A written presentation will be submitted but the University has asked to appear before the Committee. The House Committee will receive written reports or statements until December 9, 1994.

iii) The Chair reported that the issue of Maclean's ranking universities has been released and that the University of Waterloo and the University of Victoria have tied for first place among 'comprehensive' universities, Simon Fraser has been ranked as third this year. Sixteen universities boycotted the process this time.

iv) The Chair advised that there are a number of visitors present at the meeting who wished to speak to Senate about the Student Code of Conduct. Since this type of request cannot be procedurally dealt with under the Rules of Senate, the Chair suggested that Senate allow a 10-15 minute presentation during the break between open and closed sessions to hear their concerns. There were no objections to this suggestion.

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

a) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.94-63 - Election

The following is the result of an election conducted by Senate to the undernoted Senate committee:

International Undergraduate Student Exchange Committee (IUSEC)

One faculty member (at-large) to be elected to replace J. Driver on the International Undergraduate Student Exchange Committee for balance term of office, from date of election to September 30, 1996.

Candidates: H. Pabel, S. Steele

Elected:

H. Pabel

b) Senate Committee on Academic Planning/Senate Graduate Studies Committee

i) Paper S.94-65 - Proposed Arts Education Emphasis within the Curriculum Theory and Implementation Ph.D. in the Faculty of Education

Moved by J. Munro, seconded by P. Winne

"that Senate approve the proposed Arts Education Emphasis within the Curriculum Theory and Implementation Ph.D. in the Faculty of Education"

M. Manley-Casimir, Faculty of Education was in attendance as a resource person.

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of Senate is Monday, December 5, 1994.

After a brief recess, the Assembly moved into Closed Session at 7:30 p.m.

N. Heath
Acting Secretary of Senate